

REMARKS

Introduction:

Claims 1-6 and 8-25 are pending in the present application. Applicant is amending herewith Claim 1. Support for these amendments is found generally throughout the application. Following entry of the amendments requested herein, Claims 1-6 and 8-25 will be pending in this application and will be subject to further examination. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Office Action:

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated and unpatentable over DE 1584006. Applicant respectfully traverses the foregoing rejection. Claims 2-6 and 8-25 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102:

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated and unpatentable over DE 1584006. The rejection states that Claim 1 contains all of the element of the door hinge disclosed in DE 1584006. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Claim 1, as amended, now specifies that the engagement means includes a spherical surface of a given radius seated in an annular groove of curved section, the curved section having a radius of curvature the same as said given radius so as to permit rotation of the hinge pin but prevent any axial movement of the hinge pin relative to said other hinge leaf, and in its second position being spaced from the hinge pin to permit its axial withdrawal from said other hinge leaf. This arrangement is not disclosed or suggested in DE 1584006. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the elements of Claim 1 are not disclosed in

DE 1584006. Therefore, applicant submits that the rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102 is improper and should be withdrawn.

Conclusion:

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks. Such action is courteously solicited. Applicant further requests that the Examiner call the undersigned attorney if allowance of the claims can be facilitated by examiner's amendment, telephone interview or otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,

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